(*a*) whether the driving license of the driver of the lorry concerned in that question has been suspended;

(*b*) whether his driving license has been returned to him;

(*c*) if answer to (*b*) is in the affirmative, the date of the seizure and the date of the return of the license;

(*d*) whether the driver was actually driving the vehicle after the driving license was taken away from him;

(*e*) if answer to (*d*) is in the affirmate, on what authority;

(*f*) if this driver was not in charge of the vehicle who else was driving the lorry during this period?

Mr. S. Venkateswaran (*Conservator of Foresis*):

(*a*) No.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Seized on 8th Dhanu 1120. Returned on 27th Dhanu 1120.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) On the strength of the orginal license.

(*f*) Does not arice in view of reply to (*e*).

Adjournment motion

Mr. President: I have received notice from Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan to move for the adjournment of the business of the Council to discuss a question connected with the lifting of the ban on public meetings. I am afraid I cannot admit this, as we had a full discussion on this subject some time ago.

Short notice motion

I have also received requests from Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar and Mr. Iyyu to admit short notice motions suggesting the desirability of establishing a convention by which the Minister should resign his office on the dissolution of the Council. I am of the opinion that neither of these motions should be admitted. There has been ample time for Hon'ble Members to give the prescribed notice since the intention to dissolve the Council was announced, and it is most undesirable in my view that a question with such important constitutional implications should be discussed without plenty of opportunity for full preparation and reference to authority.

Legislative Business—Government Bills

The Preservation of Eries Bill

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu (*Diwan Peishkar*): I beg to move that the preservation of Eries Bill be taken up and finally passed.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon (*Advocate-General*): I second it.

Motion put and carried

Legislative Business—Non-Official Bills

The Cochin Court Fees Act (Amendment) Bill—

(Khan Sahib Ismail Hajee Essa Sait)

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder (*Nominated*): I may be permitted to move the Cochin Court Fees Act (Amendment) Bill, in the absence of the Hon'ble Member.

Mr. President: Has the Hon'ble Member got his authority ?

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder (*Nominated*): I have got his verbal instructions.

Mr. A. B. Salem (*Mattancheri*): Under Standing Order No. 42 "the member in charge of the Bill or in his absence any member may move that the Bill or the Bill as amended, as the case may be, be taken up and passed". No authority is required.

Mr. President: I suggest that if the Hon'ble Member in charge of the Bill has sent a message through the Hon'ble Member, we should hear it.

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder (*Nominated*): He has asked me to move on his behalf.

Mr. President: Very well.

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder (*Nominated*): I beg to move that the Cochin Court Fees Act (Amendment) Bill be taken up and finally passed.

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